ORDERS
AGREED UPON BY THE
HEADS OF HOUSES
FOR THE PREVENTING AND
QUENCHING OF FIRE.

THAT Fifty pounds be forthwith rais'd by the Univerſity, and the reſpective Colledges, (of which ſumme the Univerſity is to pay Ten pounds,) for providing Engines, Ladders, &c.

That the Governors of the reſpective Colledges, do deal effectualy with their Tenants, within the Univerſity, that with all Convenient ſpeed, both their dwelling houſes, and out houſes be Slatted or Tyled; and that no Leaſe be hereafter renew'd to any ſuch Tenant, who ſhall refuſe or neglect to Slat or Tyle their ſaid houſes accordingly.

That every Colledge and Hall, provide a convenient number of Buckets and Ladders; and ſignifie what proviſion they have made unto the *Vice-Chancellor*, within one Month after the Publication of theſe Orders; and as often as any of them ſhall be loſt or decay'd, that the ſame number be immediately compleated, and made up again.

That the Governors of the reſpective Colledges and Halls, doe engage all Bakers, Brewers, Cooks, Chandlers and others with whom they have any dealing, forthwith to remove their Wood-piles, and Fewel of all ſorts, a convenient diſtance from the City, or otherwiſe to provide houſes Slatted or tyl'd to ſecure their Fewel, Hay, Straw &c. (as much as is poſſible) from all danger of Fire. And that the Chandlers be alſo engag'd to remove their melting houſes, to places where they may not annoy nor endanger their Neighbours. And in caſe they or any of the foreſaid perſons ſhall refuſe or neglect to doe accordingly, that then the Heads of Houſes ſhall forbid all trading and dealing with them, for their reſpective Colledges and Halls.

That all Governours of Colledges and Halls, take effectuall care, that all ſorts of Fewel, Hay &c. within the precincts of their reſpective Houſes be covered as aforeſayd, or elſe ſo placed that they may not endanger any Buildings.

That diligent care be likewiſe taken that all Chimneys be ſwept yearly before the Feaſt of *All Saints*, and that no Fire be carryed about either from the Kitchin, or from Chamber to Chamber in open ſhovells, but only in cover'd pans: or any Candles caryed into Wood-houſes, or Places where any kind of fewel lies, except in Lanthorns, and that a ſevere penalty be inflicted by order of the reſpective Governours, upon all who ſhall preſume to offend in theſe particulars. And furthermore, that all Scholars be frequently admoniſh'd to take care, that at night the fire in their Chambers be quench'd or ſecurely cover'd, and that they place not their Candles at their Beds-heads: and to that end the reſpective Governours are deſir'd to command ſome Officer of the Houſe, to viſit all Chambers and cauſe all Boards, which are placed for that purpoſe at any Beds-head, to be remov'd and taken away, and likewiſe ſtrictly to prohibit the uſe of hanging Candleſticks.

That when any new Buildings are erected, care be taken that no Timber be layd under the hearths of the Chimneys.

That when any Fire ſhall happen in any Colledge, or in the City, the reſpective Governours cauſe their Buckets and Ladders, to be brought with all ſpeed, to ſome place nere the Fire, where they may be ready for uſe, and appoint ſome diſcreet perſon to ſee them diſpos'd off.

That when any Fire ſhal happen abroad, the reſpective Governors take care to reſtrain the Scholars under their commands from going out, excepting ſuch who will be aſſiſtant in quenching the Fire; and becauſe at ſuch times many wicked Perſons, take an opportunity, to break open Chambers, and commit other villanies; that the Colledge Gates be kept ſhut (eſpecially if the Fire happen in the night) and none admitted but ſuch who are well known to the Porter, or ſuch perſons as the Governour of the Houſe ſhall appoint to aſſiſt him.

That no Scholars preſume upon any occaſion to let off Rockets or any other kindes of Fire-works.

That theſe Orders be hung up in a Frame in the Halls of the reſpective Houſes, that ſo all Perſons concern'd may from time to time take notice of them.

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